

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0038

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 2339

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EPAP, ECON, ETRD, JM  
SUBJECT: SUGAR AND GSP

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIALS ON OTHER MATTERS, JAMAICA'S EXCLUSION ON SUGAR IN THE GSP ANNOUNCEMENT ON MARCH 1 WAS RAISED.
  2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS JUST HEARD OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, WE WERE TOLD, AND WAS REGISTERING ITS CONCERN AS WELL AS ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION OF JAMAICA'S EXCLUSION. ALTHOUGH THE MATTER HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN PATTERSON, PERMSEC FRANK FRANCIS SPECULATED THAT PATTERSON WOULD PROBABLY WRITE TO SECRETARY VANCE ON THE SUBJECT, SO SERIOUS WAS THIS SITUATION REGARDED.
  3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE SHOULD BE PROVIDING THE MINISTRY AS BACKGROUND OR EXPLANATION, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT JAMAICA FELL WELL BELOW THE \$26.4 MILLION SUGAR EXPORTS CUT-OFF IN 1977.
  4. IF AMBASSADOR RATTRAY IS RAISING QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER, EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED ON ANY DISCUSSIONS BEING HELD WITH HIM.
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